



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

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FOI Ref 23385

Request - You asked Staffordshire Police (SP) the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please could you provide information relating to drink-driving enforcement within Staffordshire during December 2024 and December 2025.

I am requesting the following information for each month separately.

December 2024

1. The total number of motorists who were stopped and given a roadside breath test for suspected drink-driving.
2. The total number of roadside breath tests which produced a positive result for alcohol.
3. The total number of people arrested for a drink-driving offence.
4. Of those arrested, the number who had initially been stopped and breath-tested as part of a police traffic stop or roadside enforcement operation.
5. Of those arrested, the number who had initially been stopped following a road traffic collision.
6. Of those arrested, the number who had initially been stopped following another driving or traffic offence.
7. If recorded, the number of drink-driving arrests according to the time of the initial roadside stop/breath test, broken down into:
 - 00:00–05:59
 - 06:00–11:59
 - 12:00–17:59
 - 18:00–23:59

December 2025

Please provide the same information for December 2025.

Morning-after drink-driving

In particular, I am interested in motorists stopped during the morning following the previous evening/night. If the information is held, please provide the number of motorists who were:

- a) stopped and given a roadside breath test between 06:00 and 11:59 and produced a positive result for alcohol;
- b) stopped and given a roadside breath test between 06:00 and 11:59 and subsequently arrested for a drink-driving offence.

Please provide these figures separately for December 2024 and December 2025.

Reason for stop

If recorded, please also provide the number of positive breath tests and drink-driving arrests resulting from:

- routine or targeted roadside drink-driving enforcement;
- a road traffic collision;
- another traffic or driving offence;
- information/intelligence or a report from a member of the public; and
- any other recorded category.

If these categories are not recorded, please provide the closest equivalent information held.

I am specifically requesting recorded information already held by the force and am not asking the force to create new information or provide an opinion.

Where the information requested is not held in exactly this format, please provide the closest equivalent information that is readily available.



If any part of this request exceeds the appropriate cost limit, please provide advice and assistance identifying what information can be supplied within the cost limit.

Please provide the response electronically, preferably in spreadsheet or table format.

CLARIFICATION SOUGHT

Q.1 can be answered.

If Q.2 is answered, this will not include cases where the subject has 'failed to provide' a breath-test. Do you want this category included? That is, 'The total number of roadside breath tests which produced a positive result for alcohol or where the subject has failed to provide a breath-test.'

Q.3 can be answered.

Q.4 to Q.6 of your request can be answered from data provided from the breath-testing devices, as opposed to examination of the custody records. If you were to amend the start of questions 4 to 6 of your request, to read, 'Of those arrested following the provision of a positive breath test or having failed to provide one,' instead of, 'Of those arrested,' then these questions could be answered.

Likewise, Q.7 of your request can be answered if your question is amended to, 'If recorded, the number of drink-driving arrests, following the provision of a positive breath test or having failed to provide one, according to the time of the initial roadside stop/breath test, broken down into ...'

CLARIFICATION RECEIVED

Yes, I am happy to clarify and amend the request as follows:

Q.2: Please include cases where the subject has failed to provide a breath-test, so that Q.2 reads:

"The total number of roadside breath tests which produced a positive result for alcohol or where the subject has failed to provide a breath-test."

Q.4 to Q.6: I am happy for these questions to be amended to:

"Of those arrested following the provision of a positive breath test or having failed to provide one..."

Q.7: I am happy for this question to be amended to:

"If recorded, the number of drink-driving arrests, following the provision of a positive breath test or having failed to provide one, according to the time of the initial roadside stop/breath test, broken down into..."

Please proceed with the request on that basis.

SP received your request on 14/09/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

SP holds the requested information.

I am requesting the following information for each month separately.

December 2024

1. The total number of motorists who were stopped and given a roadside breath test for suspected drink-driving.
- **Disclosed: 1,583**
2. The total number of roadside breath tests which produced a positive result for alcohol or where the subject has failed to provide a breath-test.
- **Disclosed: 137**



3. The total number of people arrested for a drink-driving offence.
- **Disclosed: 124**
4. Of those arrested following the provision of a positive breath test or having failed to provide one, the number who had initially been stopped and breath-tested as part of a police traffic stop or roadside enforcement operation.
- **Disclosed: 59**
5. Of those arrested following the provision of a positive breath test or having failed to provide one, the number who had initially been stopped following a road traffic collision.
- **Disclosed: 44**
6. Of those arrested following the provision of a positive breath test or having failed to provide one, the number who had initially been stopped following another driving or traffic offence.
- **Disclosed: 34**
7. If recorded, the number of drink-driving arrests, following the provision of a positive breath test or having failed to provide one, according to the time of the initial roadside stop/breath test, broken down into:
 - 00:00–05:59 - **Disclosed: 46**
 - 06:00–11:59 - **Disclosed: 24**
 - 12:00–17:59 - **Disclosed: 29**
 - 18:00–23:59 - **Disclosed: 38**

December 2025

1. The total number of motorists who were stopped and given a roadside breath test for suspected drink-driving.
- **Disclosed: 859**
2. The total number of roadside breath tests which produced a positive result for alcohol or where the subject has failed to provide a breath-test.
- **Disclosed: 93**
3. The total number of people arrested for a drink-driving offence.
- **Disclosed: 105**
4. Of those arrested following the provision of a positive breath test or having failed to provide one, the number who had initially been stopped and breath-tested as part of a police traffic stop or roadside enforcement operation.
- **Disclosed: 38**
5. Of those arrested following the provision of a positive breath test or having failed to provide one, the number who had initially been stopped following a road traffic collision.
- **Disclosed: 36**

6. Of those arrested following the provision of a positive breath test or having failed to provide one, the number who had initially been stopped following another driving or traffic offence.
- Disclosed: 19
7. If recorded, the number of drink-driving arrests, following the provision of a positive breath test or having failed to provide one, according to the time of the initial roadside stop/breath test, broken down into:
 - 00:00–05:59 - **Disclosed: 23**
 - 06:00–11:59 - **Disclosed: 9**
 - 12:00–17:59 - **Disclosed: 16**
 - 18:00–23:59 - **Disclosed: 45**

It should be noted that people can be arrested for a drink-drive offence, other than by being required to provide a positive breath-test. Likewise, not everyone who provides or fails a positive breath-test will necessarily be arrested dependent upon the circumstances. Thus, this may result in the data for questions 1 and 2 being at variance.

This data has been provided to the best of the ability of SP, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems and software.

Every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that data is extracted from multiple sources, developed for specific policing purposes, for which data extraction methods have not been specifically designed to directly correlate with the terminology of this request. Therefore, the data presented is subject to the inaccuracies and idiosyncrasies inherent in any large-scale recording system. Consequently, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

All Freedom of Information request responses are published on the SP website although personal details are not included.

Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from SP, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing within two months of the date of receipt of this email, and should be addressed to:

IAT@staffordshire.police.uk



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The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Information Access Team within two months of the SP response to the original FOI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing. The review will be conducted by a supervisor who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Information Access Team will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to forty working days.

The independent supervisor will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, considering the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the independent supervisor will reply to the appellant with the result of the review. If the appellant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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